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HERE COMES...

# DAREDEVIL



THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

**"DD GOES WILD!"**





# DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

HAVING DEFEATED THE UNCANNY TRI-MAN (AN ANDROID POSSESSING THE COMBINED POWERS OF THREE DEADLY HUMAN BEINGS) DAREDEVIL IS SUDDENLY STOPPED IN HIS TRACKS BY A THREATENING VOICE FROM ABOVE THE RING...

DAREDEVIL... HEAR ME! FRANKLIN NELSON AND HIS SECRETARY KAREN ARE IN THE ARENA! SURRENDER IMMEDIATELY... OR THEY DIE! THIS IS MY FINAL ULTIMATUM!

THAT VOICE I'D KNOW IT ANYWHERE! IT'S THE MASKED MARAUDER!

THEN HE MUST BE THE ONE CONTROLLING THE TRI-MAN! BUT... HE'S THREATENING KAREN AND FOGGY! WHAT DO I DO NOW?

"DD GOES WILD!"

STORY:  
STAN  
(THE MAN)  
LEE

ART: GENTLEMAN GENE COLAN  
INKS: FEARLESS FRANK  
GIAOIA  
LETTERING:  
SWINGIN'  
SAM  
ROSEN



NEEDLESS TO SAY, THIS WHOLE MISHMASH STARTED LAST ISH--- AND, IF **YOU'RE** THE HOLDOUT WHO DIDN'T LATCH ONTO THE ONE MAG WE HAD LEFT, WE'LL OVERLOOK YOUR WOEFUL INDISCRETION AND FILL YOU IN RIGHT NOW---

THE **MASKED MARAUDER** HAS CONVINCED THE **GLADIATOR** THAT THEY MIGHT BOTH BE ELECTED LEADERS OF THE **MAGGIA**, THE NOTORIOUS INTERNATIONAL CRIME CARTEL, IF THEY CAN DEMONSTRATE HOW EASILY THEY DEFEATED **DAREDEVIL**! HENCE, THEY CREATED THE **TRI-MAN**... BUT WADDAYA KNOW?? **DD WHUMPED 'IM**. CLEAR ENOUGH?

**SURRENDER, DAREDEVIL... OR SUFFER THE FATAL CONSEQUENCES!**

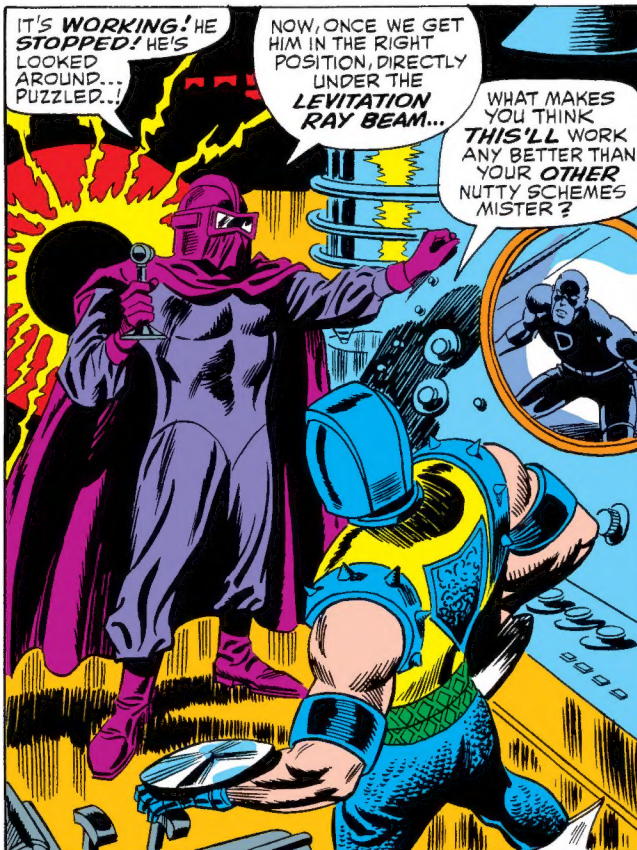
HE'S TALKING TO ME THROUGH SOME SORT OF HIDDEN, REMOTE-CONTROL **MICROPHONE**! HE MUST HAVE A CONCEALED **TELE-VIEWER** IN OPERATION, ALSO!

I CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH THE **LIVES** OF KAREN OR FOGGY.. AND YET---

IT **COULD** BE... A **BLUFF**! I CAN'T JUST SURRENDER TO ANY JOKER WHO TOSSES A SUDDEN **THREAT** AT ME!

**FRANTIC FOOTNOTE:** WE COULDN'T DECIDE WHETHER TO OPEN OUR YARN WITH **THIS** PAGE, OR WITH THE ONE WHICH IS **NOW** PAGE ONE! SO, WITH OUR USUAL UBIQUITOUS WISDOM, WE DECIDED WE'D TOSS 'EM **BOTH** ATCHA! ... SPUNKY STAN!





IT'S **WORKING!** HE **STOPPED!** HE'S LOOKED AROUND... PUZZLED...

NOW, ONCE WE GET HIM IN THE RIGHT POSITION, DIRECTLY UNDER THE **LEVITATION RAY BEAM...**

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK **THIS'LL** WORK ANY BETTER THAN YOUR **OTHER** NUTTY SCHEMES MISTER?



DON'T BE A **FOOL!** GLADIATOR! THIS **CANNOT** FAIL!

IF I CAN LEVITATE HIM OUT HERE TO MY **LAB**, I'LL PUT **HIS** POWERS INTO MY TRI-ANDROID, ALSO!

HE WON'T BE ABLE TO **STOP** ME!

HE'LL THEN BE WORKING **FOR** US, INSTEAD OF **AGAINST** US...AND THE **MAGGIA** WILL HAVE TO ADMIT ONLY **WE** ARE QUALIFIED TO LEAD THEM!



BUT, WHAT ABOUT THE **OTHER TWO...** NELSON... AND THE **GIRL**?

THEY'RE OF NO INTEREST TO ME! I ONLY MENTIONED THEM TO **WORRY** HIM... TO **CONFUSE** HIM!

**NO MORE TALK!** HE'S GETTING INTO POSITION! GET THE **SWITCHES** READY!

WE'LL USE **SPLIT-SECOND TIMING!** I'LL LEVITATE THE **ANDROID** FIRST!



WHY **HIM**? WHAT ABOUT **DAREDEVIL**?

LET **ME** DO THE THINKING! YOU'LL **SEE!**

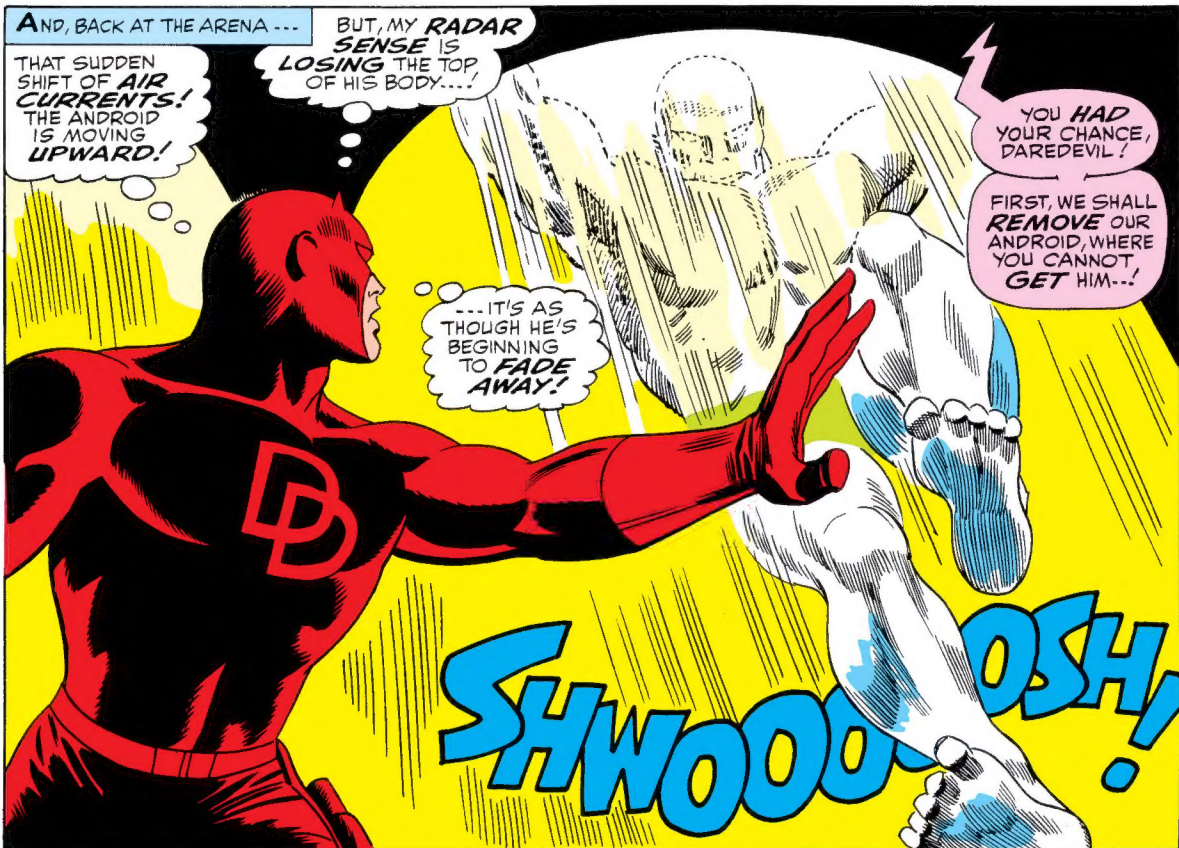
**NOW!** THROW THE SWITCH... **FAST!**

OKAY...YOU GOT IT!

**CLICK!**

**SKRAKK!**







MEANWHILE, BACK AT RINGSIDE...

FOGGY! THAT WAS THE **REAL** DAREDEVIL! AND NOW... HE'S **GONE!**

BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO **MATT?** YOU TOLD ME THAT **HE** HAD WORN A PHONY COSTUME IN ORDER TO HOLD OFF THE ANDROID TILL THE **REAL DD** APPEARED!

I DON'T **KNOW!** I'M SICK WITH **WORRY!** I CAN'T **FIND** HIM!

POOR KAREN! SHE'D BE MORE WORRIED THAN **EVER** IF SHE KNEW THAT **MATT** AND **DD** WERE ONE AND THE SAME...OR, IF SHE COULD SEE HIM **NOW...**!

HAIL AND **FAREWELL**, DAREDEVIL!

WITHIN A MATTER OF SECONDS YOUR OWN POWERS WILL BE **MINE** TO COMMAND-- WITHIN MY **ANDROID...**

SUDDENLY, IT'S ALL **CRYSTAL CLEAR** TO ME!

I'VE GOT TO **BREAK OUT...** BEFORE HE CAN THROW THAT SWITCH!

BY RUNNING MY **HYPER-SENSITIVE FINGERS** ALONG THE SURFACE OF THIS **PLEXI-GLASS**, I CAN FEEL THE BEST AREA AGAINST WHICH TO EXERT MAXIMUM **PRESSURE!**

A FITTING **END** FOR MY GREATEST FOE!

FROM THIS MOMENT ON, YOU'LL BE MY **HELPLESS SLAVE!**

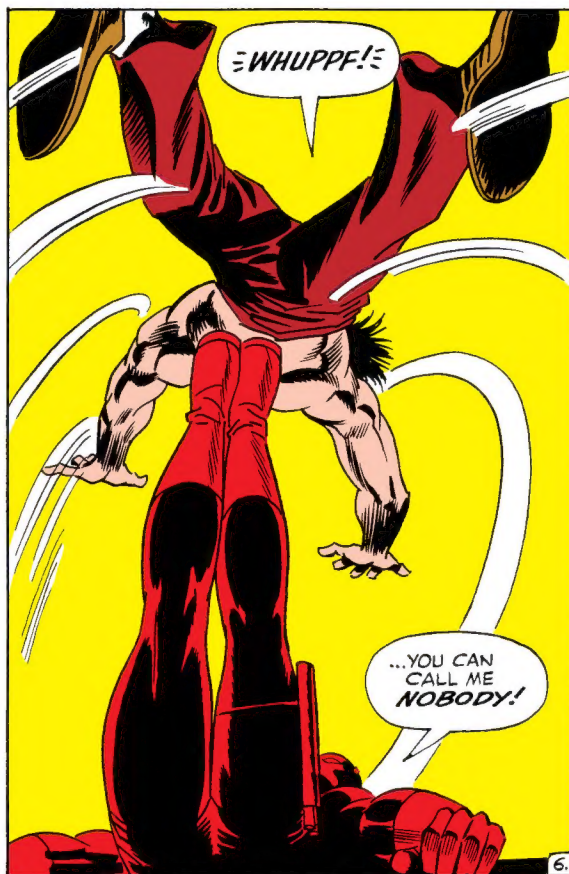
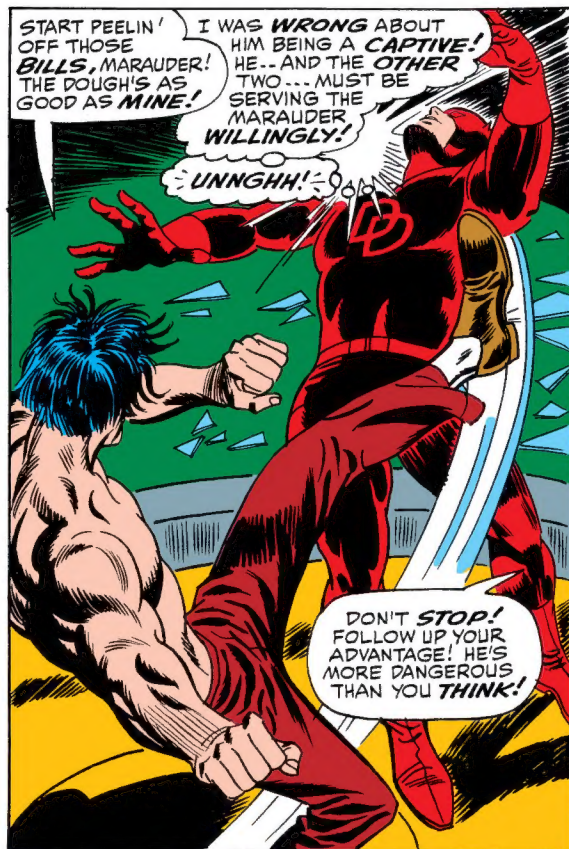
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!

AND HELP IT I **CAN!**

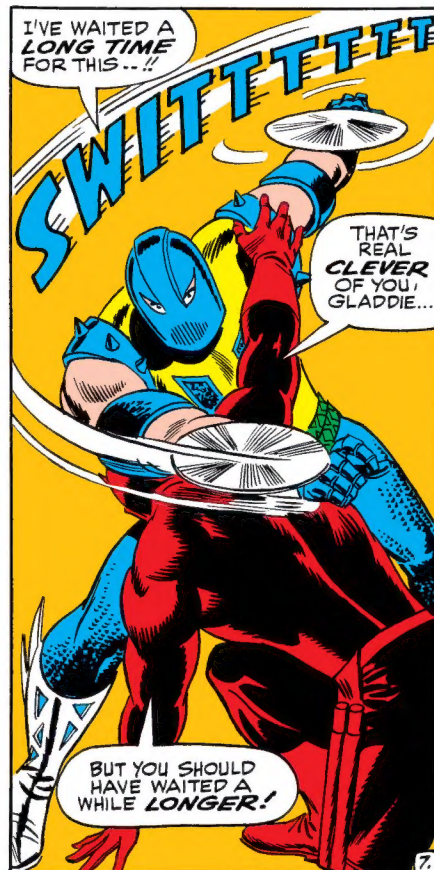
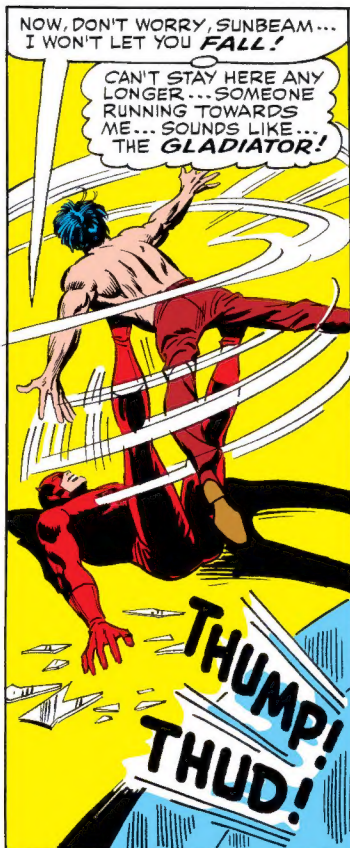
NOW I'VE GOT TO MOVE **FAST...** KEEP THEM ON THE RUN... TILL I CAN GET MY **BEARINGS!**

**CRASH!**

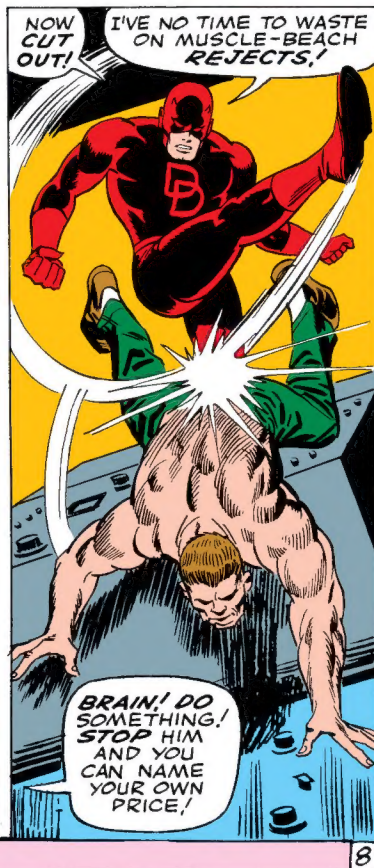
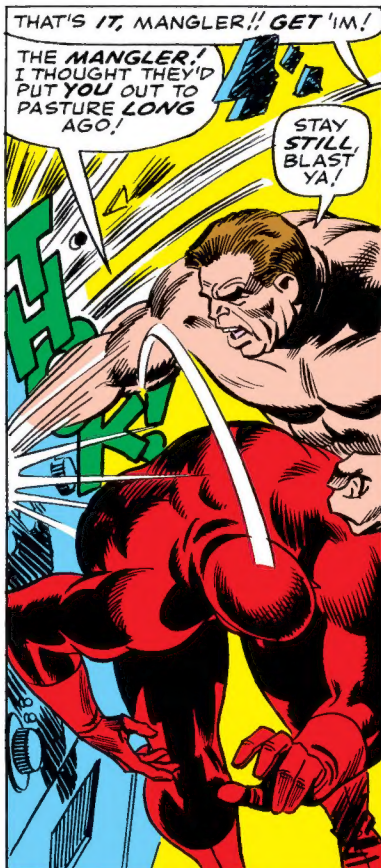
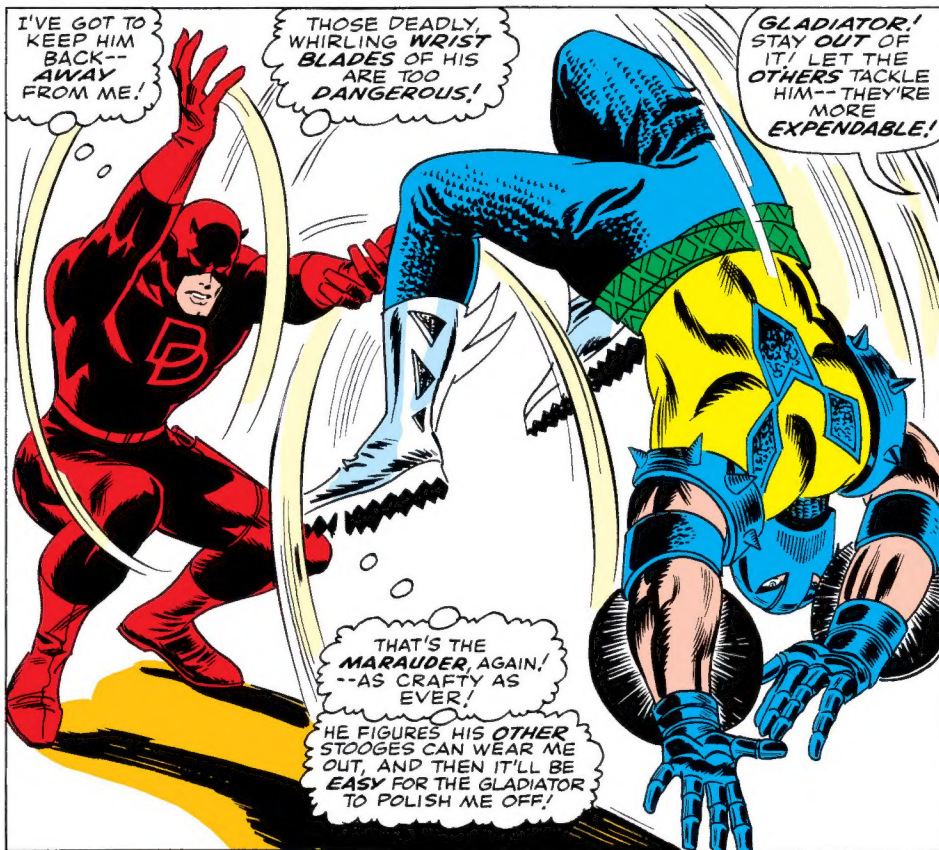




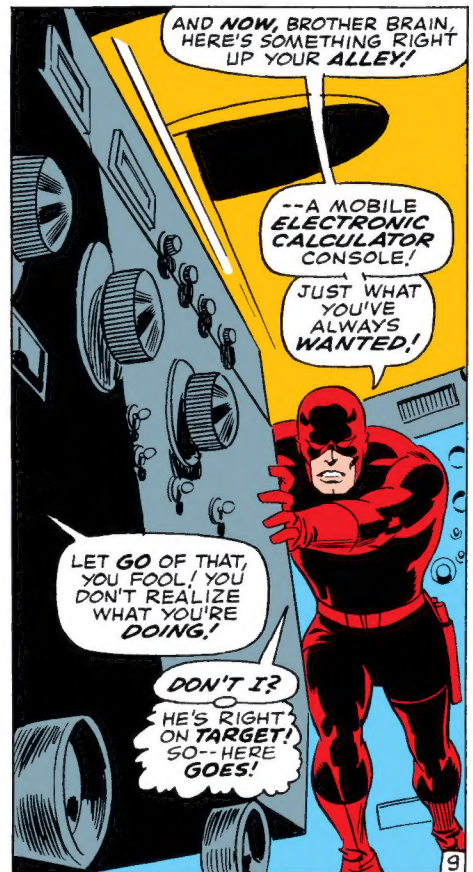








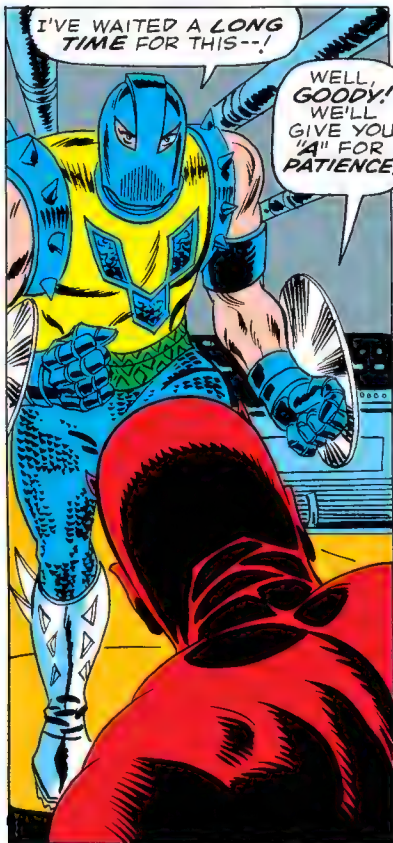












I'VE WAITED A **LONG** TIME FOR THIS--!

WELL, GOODY! WE'LL GIVE YOU 'A' FOR PATIENCE!



ALTHOUGH WE'LL HAVE TO SCORE YOU 'E' FOR **TIMING!** YOU TELEGRAPHED THAT ONE BY A COUNTRY MILE!

**MOSTLY** BECAUSE I COULD HEAR THE CHANGE IN HIS **PULSE BEAT** WHEN HE LAUNCHED HIS SWING!



IF YOU'RE GONNA **KEEP** TOSSING PUNCHES AT ME LIKE THAT, YOU'LL HAVE TO TURN IN YOUR **DD FAN CLUB** BUTTON!

**KTOP!**



YOU TALK A GREAT FIGHT, SMART GUY!

NOW, PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS!

**WOK!**

~UNHHH!~

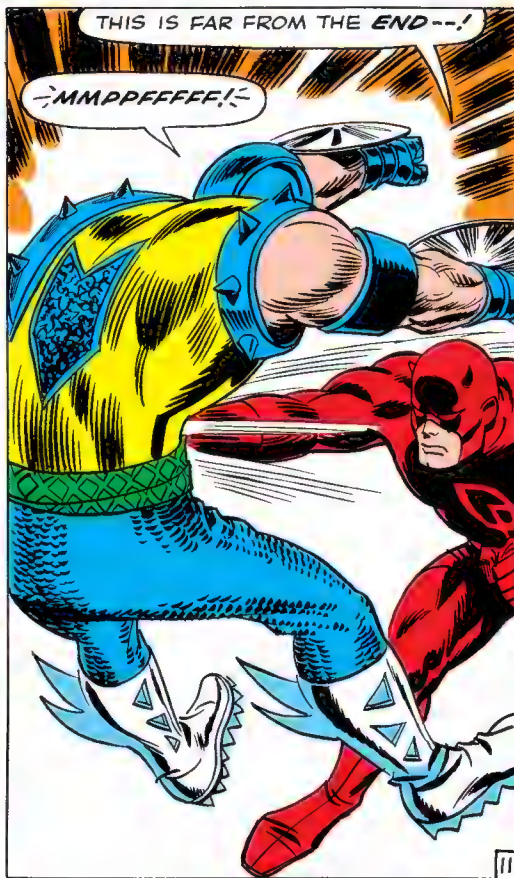
I'D NEVER DO A THING LIKE THAT --WITHOUT SALT AND PEPPER!



SO! A BIG-MOUTHED WISE-GUY TO THE END, HUH?

RIGHT!

'CEPT FOR ONE THING--!



THIS IS FAR FROM THE **END**--!

~MMPPFFFF!~



AND, AS THE BATTLE RAGES--

WITH ALL HIS ARMOR--  
ALL HIS WEAPONS--  
THE GLADIATOR STILL  
MAY LOSE!

THEREFORE,  
I MUST TAKE  
NO CHANCES!

CLICK!

NO MATTER  
WHAT THE OUTCOME,  
THE MASKED  
MARAUDER MUST  
BE THE ULTIMATE  
VICTOR!

AT THAT MOMENT, AT MAGGIA HEADQUARTERS, ACROSS THE SEA--

IT'S THE  
MASKED  
MARAUDER!  
HE'S  
CONTACTING  
US!

YOU WERE SUPPOSED  
TO SHOW US HOW EASY  
YOU COULD POLISH OFF  
DAREDEVIL, MARAUDER!  
SO FAR, YOUR BOAST  
IS ONE BIG DUD, WE'RE  
STILL WAITING!

YOU WILL  
WAIT NO  
LONGER!

NOT ONLY WILL I  
DELIVER THE MASKED  
CRIME-FIGHTER TO YOU,  
BUT THE GLADIATOR,  
AS WELL!

THEY ARE BATTLING  
EACH OTHER RIGHT NOW--  
AND YOU CAN DISPOSE  
OF THEM AS YOU WISH!

YOU'RE  
SENDING THEM  
BOTH TO US?  
IF YOU CAN DO  
THAT, IT'LL CUT  
PLENTY OF  
ICE, MISTER!

HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO  
DO IT! REMEMBER THAT  
LEVITATION MACHINE  
HE'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE  
INVENTED?

YEAH! THAT'S  
RIGHT! AND  
I KNOW JUST  
THE PLACE TO  
DELIVER  
THEM TO!

LISTEN, MARAUDER! WE'RE HAVING A BIG-TIME  
CONVENTION NEAR THE COAST--ON THE SITE  
WHERE THEY JUST FINISHED FILMING ANOTHER ONE  
OF THOSE BIBLICAL MOVIES!

THE KINGPINS OF  
EVERY MAGGIA DIVISION  
ARE ASSEMBLING IN A REP-  
LICA OF THE OLD ROMAN  
COLOSSEUM WHICH THE  
PRODUCERS LEFT BEHIND!

IF YOU CAN  
DROP DAREDEVIL  
AND THE GLADIATOR  
IN THAT OLD,  
ABANDONED MOVIE  
SET WHERE WE CAN  
WATCH 'EM FIGHT--  
WE'RE JUST LIABE  
TO FIGURE THAT YOU'RE  
THE GUY TO LEAD US!

WHAT A SHOW  
THAT'LL BE! THE  
BOYS'LL EAT IT  
UP!



THEN, SECONDS AFTER THE MARAUDER HAS RECEIVED DETAILS OF THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE MILLION-DOLLAR MOVIE SET--

I'VE MADE ALL THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS! EVERYTHING IS IN READINESS!

ALL I NEED DO IS WAIT TILL THEY'RE IN POSITION--AND THEN--

THUNK!

SNAP ON THE TRANSPORTER LIGHT!

NOW!

WHY IS THE MARAUDER SO SILENT? SOMETHING MUST BE UP--!

SWOOSH!

MARAUDER! YOU DOUBLE-CROSSED ME! YOU'RE SENDING US AWAY-- WITH THAT BLASTED MACHINE OF YOURS!

AIR CURRENTS-- SHIFTING ONCE MORE! FLOATING UPWARD-- SAME AS BEFORE! IT'S THE MARAUDER'S DOING--!

DOUBLE-CROSSED YOU?? OF COURSE I DID! YOU WERE NEVER MY EQUAL, YOU BRAINLESS, BUMBLING BRUTE!

I LET YOU THINK OF YOURSELF AS MY PARTNER --WHILE IT SERVED MY PURPOSE! BUT, IT SERVES MY PURPOSE NO LONGER!

AND, SPEAKING OF THE UNCANNY LEVITATION MACHINE, LET'S RETURN TO THE ARENA WHERE FOGGY NELSON AND KAREN PAGE FIRST SAW IT USED!

NOT A TRACE OF MATT ANYWHERE! BUT, IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME--

THE ONLY ONE WE ALL SAW WAS--THE REAL DAREDEVIL--UNTIL HE, TOO--VANISHED!

EXIT

HOW CAN A JOKER IN A RED DAREDEVIL COSTUME LOSE HIMSELF SO EASILY?

SOMEONE SHOULD HAVE SEEN HIM!

FOGGY! YOU--YOU DON'T THINK--!

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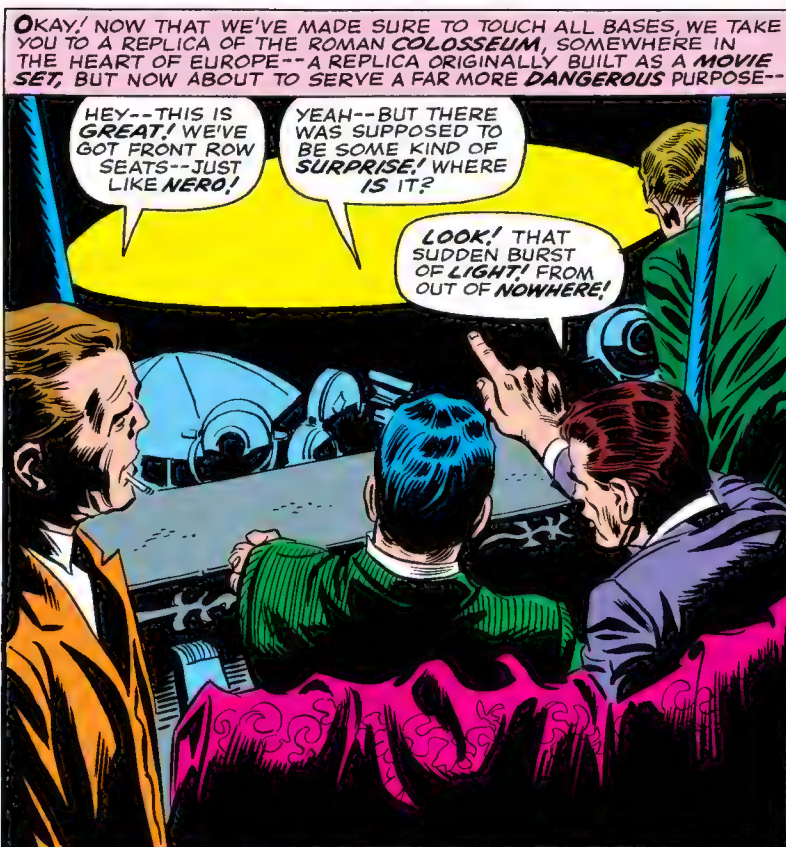


THINK *WHAT*, KAREN?

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY, HONEY?

OH--NOTHING...!

IT-IT'S TOO IMPOSSIBLE--TOO INSANE--! AFTER ALL--MATT IS BLIND--!



OKAY! NOW THAT WE'VE MADE SURE TO TOUCH ALL BASES, WE TAKE YOU TO A REPLICA OF THE ROMAN *COLOSSEUM*, SOMEWHERE IN THE HEART OF EUROPE--A REPLICA ORIGINALLY BUILT AS A *MOVIE SET*, BUT NOW ABOUT TO SERVE A FAR MORE *DANGEROUS* PURPOSE--

HEY--THIS IS *GREAT*! WE'VE GOT FRONT ROW SEATS--JUST LIKE *NERO*!

YEAH--BUT THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SOME KIND OF *SURPRISE*, WHERE IS IT?

LOOK! THAT SUDDEN BURST OF *LIGHT*! FROM OUT OF *NOWHERE*!



THEN, WITHIN THE CENTER OF THE BLINDING BEAM, TWO POWERFUL *FIGURES* AMAZINGLY APPEAR--

IT'S *DAREDEVIL*--AND THE *GLADIATOR*--LIKE HE *PROMISED*!

A BIG *COLOSSEUM*--LIKE IN ANCIENT TIMES!

AND, IN THE *STANDS*--BIGWIGS FROM THE *MAGGIA*--I RECOGNIZE MOST OF THEM!

MIGHTY OBLIGING OF THE *GLADIATOR* TO CLUE IN HIS SIGHTLESS SPARRING PARTNER!

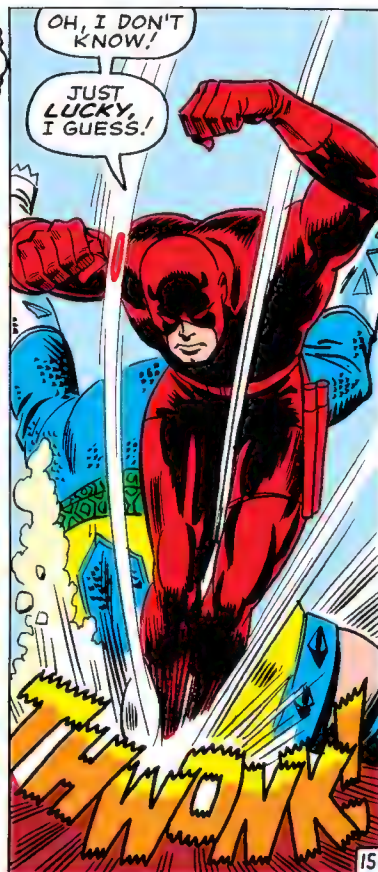


I *GET* IT NOW! THE MARAUDER WANTS TO RULE THE *MAGGIA* *ALONE*! SO HE TOSSED ME TO THE WOLVES, ALONG WITH--*HEY*!

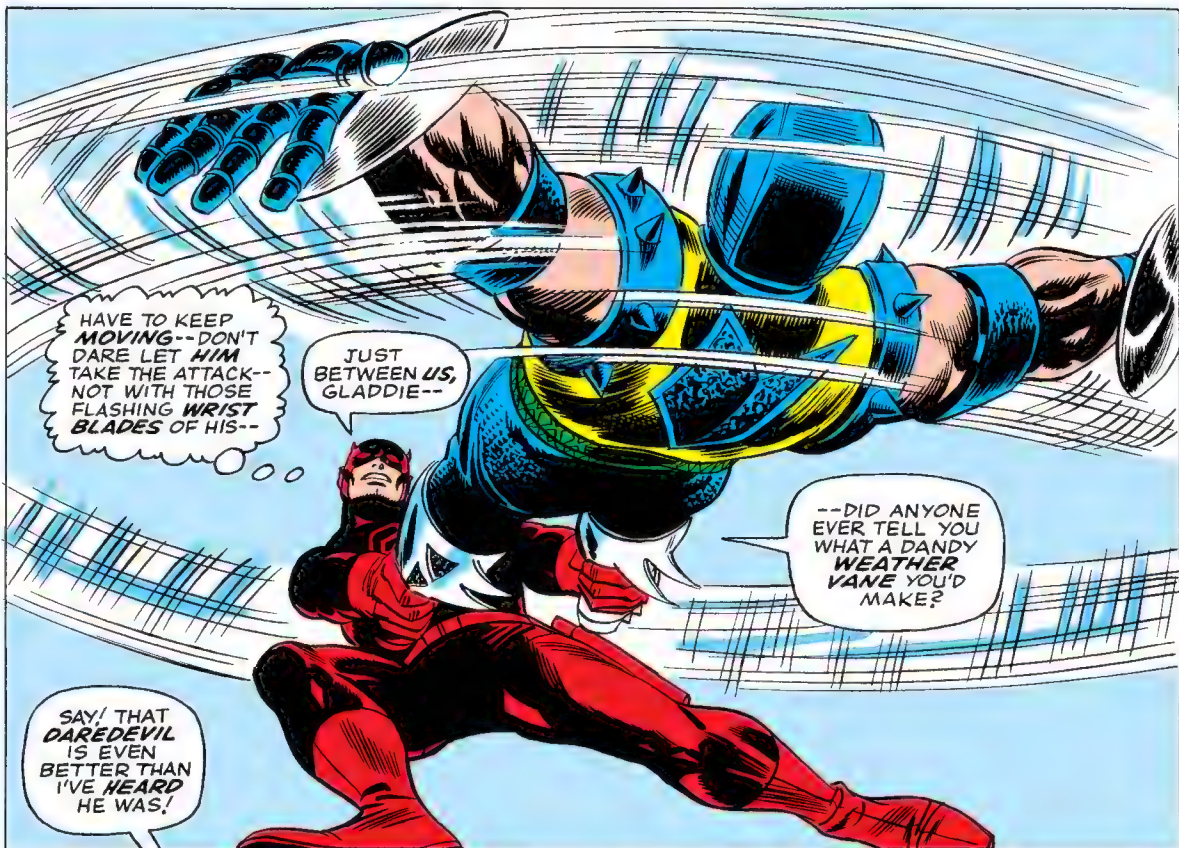
WE CAN PHILOSOPHIZE ABOUT THIS *LATER*, GLADDIE--

BUT RIGHT NOW, WE'VE A LITTLE *UNFINISHED BUSINESS* TO TEND TO--REMEMBER?









HAVE TO KEEP MOVING--DON'T DARE LET HIM TAKE THE ATTACK--NOT WITH THOSE FLASHING WRIST BLADES OF HIS--

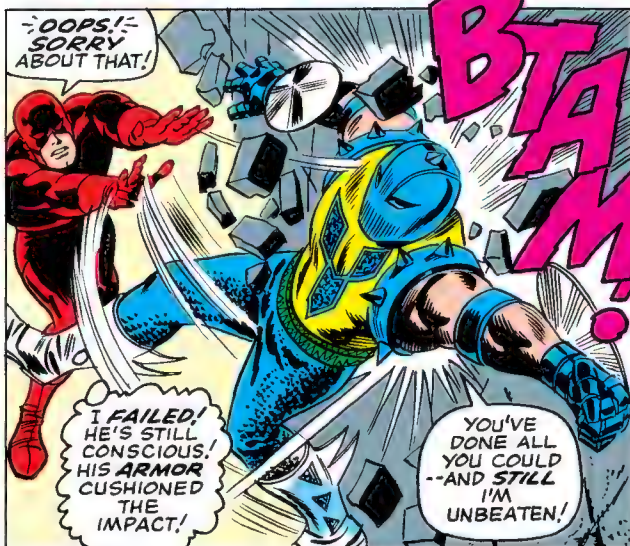
JUST BETWEEN US, GLADDIE--

--DID ANYONE EVER TELL YOU WHAT A DANDY WEATHER VANE YOU'D MAKE?

SAY! THAT DAREDEVIL IS EVEN BETTER THAN I'VE HEARD HE WAS!



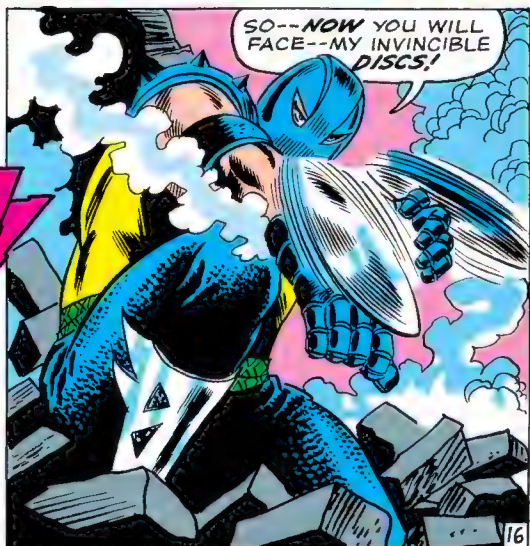
THE GLADIATOR IS NO SLOUCH, EITHER! WITH MORE TRAINING--MORE SKILL--HE'D BE NEARLY UNBEATABLE!



-OOPS!- SORRY ABOUT THAT!

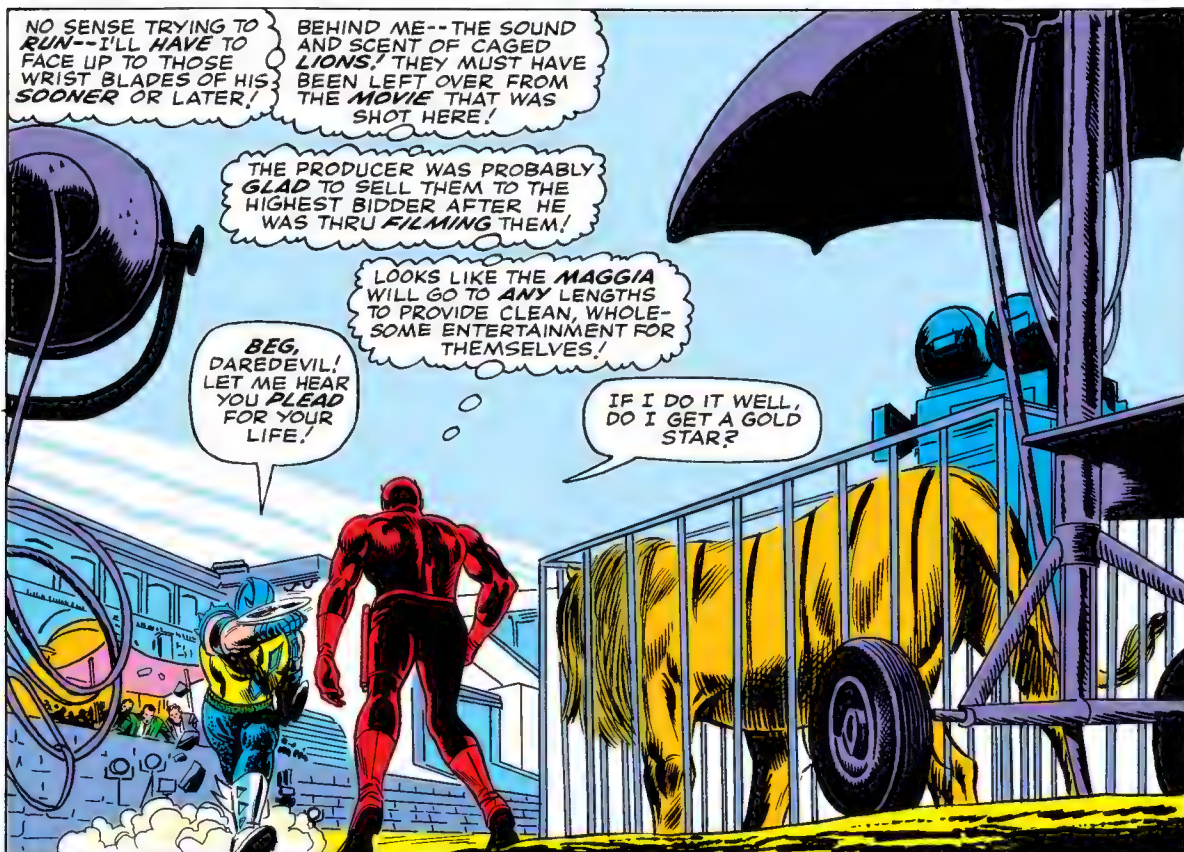
I FAILED! HE'S STILL CONSCIOUS! HIS ARMOR CUSHIONED THE IMPACT!

YOU'VE DONE ALL YOU COULD --AND STILL I'M UNBEATEN!

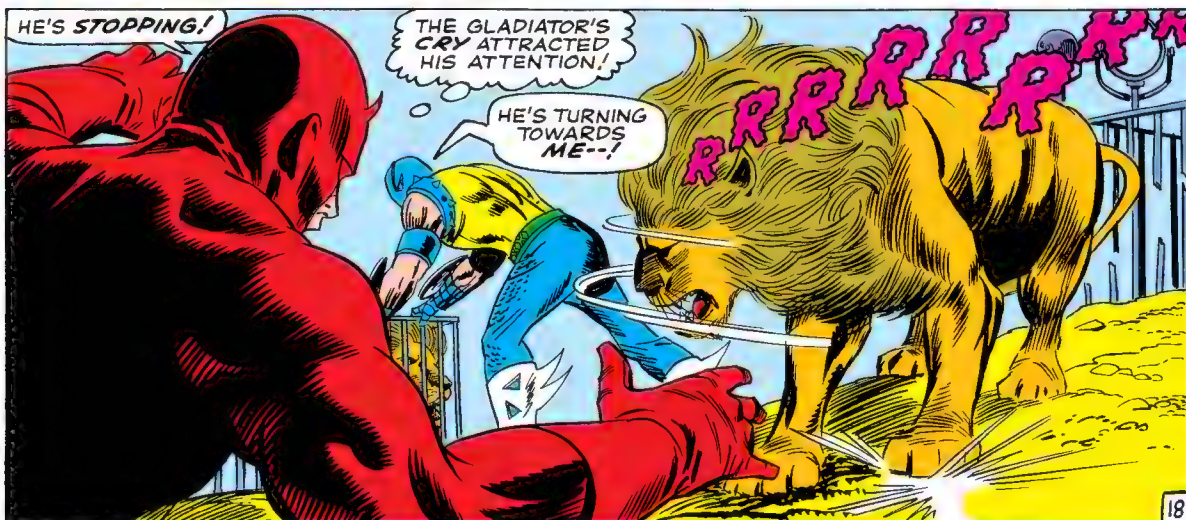
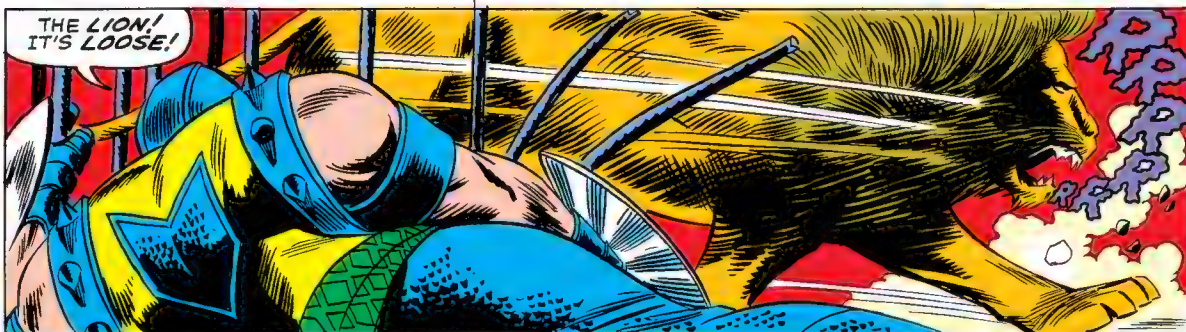
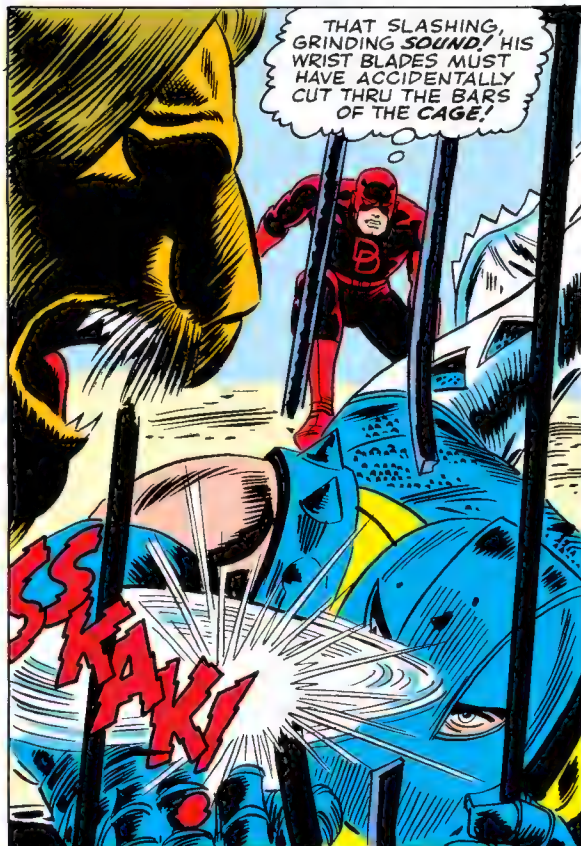
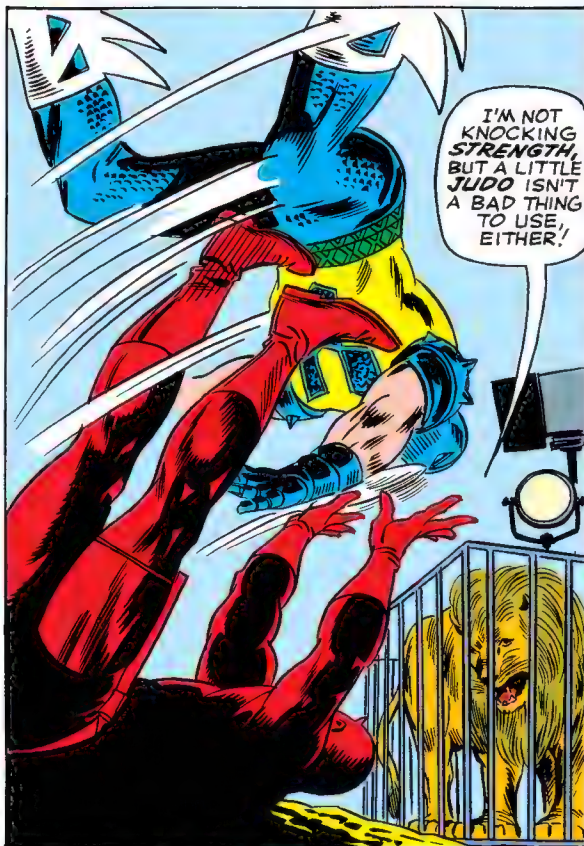


SO--NOW YOU WILL FACE--MY INVINCIBLE DISCS!

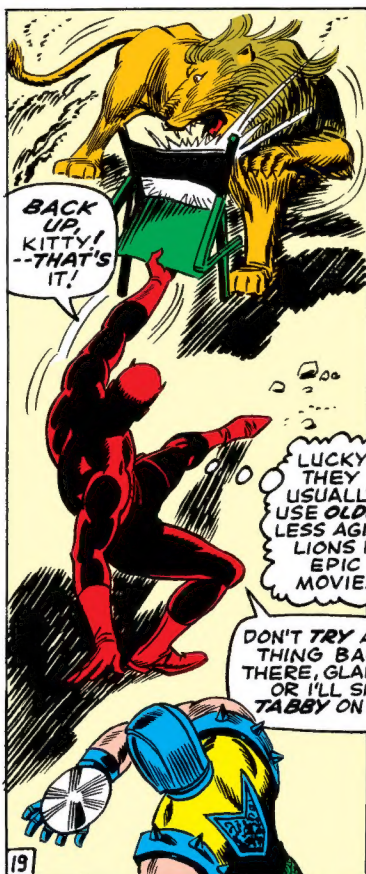






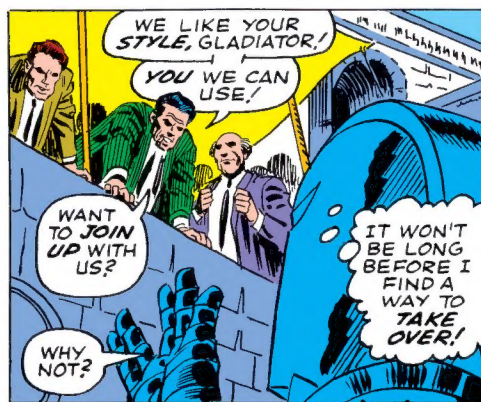






\*LONG-TIME D.D. DEVOTEES WILL REMEMBER KA-ZAR AND HIS SABER-TOOTHED KITTY! NEWCOMERS, DON'T DESPAIR--THEY'LL BE BACK REAL SOON! --STEADFAST STAN!







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Dear Stan,

I just finished DAREDEVIL #20 and the only thing I can say is "Wow!" Forgive the unlady-like enthusiasm, but what else can I say? To me, genial Gene Colan is the only man to pencil those sensational solicitors, Nelson & Murdock—especially Matt. I have never seen magnificent Matthew looking more ruggedly handsome than he did on page 7, panel 5. I know Gene is busy, what with Shell-head and all, but please, please put him full time on Daredevil. If I don't see more of the Colan version, I think I'll cry, or at least, weep softly. By the way, if Karen Page doesn't want him, I'll take Matt.

Patricia Turner, 1714 Nason St.  
Alameda, Calif. 94501

We suspect she wants him, Pat, but we'll keep your name on file anyway! By the way, you're probably aware by now that Gentleman Gene has become DD's permanent penciller — at least, as permanent as anything can be here in mixed-up Marvel-dom! And he thanks you for the plaudits and accolades, ma'am!



Dear Stan,

Brickbats first. In DAREDEVIL #19 you faded out with the Masked Marauder and the Gladiator preparing to make a do-or-die attack on Daredevil. Naturally, I was chewing my nails down to the quick, waiting. Issue #20 rolled around. Whaaa? Don't you guys even remember what goes on from one issue to the next? Huh? Now, in

answer to that fan's query, as to how Matt gets around with hearing so sensitive he can hear air molecules—he's used to it and pays no attention! For instance, if somebody has been using a pneumatic drill directly under your window for a while, eventually you'll ignore it. I want the no-prize on the top shelf—it looks so lonesome up there!

Denise Potter, 644 Mosswood Avenue  
Orange, N. J.

Not any more, Den — it's got your name on it now! But actually, if someone had been using a pneumatic drill under our window for a while, we'd never even hear it! Not with the way our assorted gang of cavortin' characters carries on in the bullpen all day! And, you will admit that the merry Marauder and ol' Gladly finally *did* tear into the Fearless One, won't you? See? All things come to those who wait!

Dear Stan,

I have a comment on Daredevil's cane. Since I've got every issue, I consider myself quite an expert on it. I assume that it has a hinge that lets it bend to fit its sheath, holds it rigidly in place, pulls apart with little effort, is not shown when it is used by Matt Murdock, and can play Stravinsky's 3rd on a hollow gourd. Please show me a hinge capable of that. Everything is ok except the pulling apart. Tell Gene to draw the whole cane when Daredevil uses it, huh?

Danny Eaton, R.R. #1  
Bagdad, Ky.

Hooo boy! Tell you what, Danny — we showed your extravagant epistle to Genial Gene, and he promised to devote a few panels to Matt's cane in a forthcoming ish. So, keep watching, hear? (That's *one* way to make sure you'll hang around! — Another way is to have each ish better than the last — but the first way is easier!)

Dear Stan,

In issue #20 a fan stated that if Daredevil had the extra-sensory powers you claim he has, he would hear the air molecules colliding with his eardrums. Fie and double fie! We should know that Daredevil's ears are covered with earphones to allow him to pick up radio alerts. Even if he didn't, his costume covers his ears, thus not allowing air molecules (except a few) in. Also, the sound of a pulse-beat would surely be able to drown out air molecules. I am an avid fan of Marvel, but I only have 127 of them due to lack of decent stores in our area. Oh, well, I'll keep trying!

Bill Chever, 1617 Ashland Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43212

See that you *do*, Billy boy! If necessary, you may have to move to another neighborhood — perhaps even another city — or state — or, would you believe,



hemisphere? After all, *anything's* better than missing a Marvel masterwork — or, so we would like to believe, in this, the best of all possible worlds! (And, regarding your comments about DD's ears — if you say so, fine! What do *we* know about that kind'a jazz?)

Dear Stan,

After finishing DAREDEVIL #20, all I can say is—it's about time. Finally you decided to bring back one of DD's old foes. Fans have been asking for a comeback of many of his foes as soon as the mags hit the newsstands. How about the Purple Man? That plastic sheet will smother him if someone doesn't take pity on him and remove it soon. Then there's the Matador—his poor little tummy must be feeling better by now. Mr. Fear has probably already stopped crying over losing his favorite water pistol. Somebody has undoubtedly stepped on the Stilt-man by now. And isn't it about time for another election? I'm voting for the reform party. I'm just getting warmed up. You and I have both heard of Medicare, but hasn't Ka-Zar spent enough time in that hospital bed in England? In closing, I'd like to put in a special request for the return of the new Ox.

Barry Smith, 156 Hiscock Blvd.  
Scarborough, Ont., Canada

**Barry, stick with us long enough, and you'll probably see everyone you mentioned — and countless others, as well — returning over and over again, ad infinitum, ad nauseum — as long as true believers like yourself keep reminding us of those we might have forgotten. (Like all of 'em!)**



Dear Stan,

I just finished reading MARVEL SUPER-HEROES #1 and DAREDEVIL #20. When I looked at the story of DD #1 in SUPER-HEROES, I was very surprised. On page 18 there was Foggy Nelson just coming out of college. Then on page 8 of issue #20 there was a picture of Foggy approximately two years later. You ought to get your artists on the ball. These two pictures don't even look alike. Surely a person couldn't change that much in two years. Have you changed artists since the first issue came out? Also in #20, on pages 10 and 11 the Owl does a quick dye job on his hair. How is this possible within only a few seconds? First it is white in panels 2 and 3, then, presto, on the next page in panel 1, it's brown!

Martin Wills, 405 No. Bowser  
Richardson, Tex. 75080

**Aww, Marty — you can't be serious! Have we changed artists? Only about a zillion times! If you think those art errors are something (and we must shamefacedly admit you're right about most of them), you should have seen the trouble we had script-wise! If only we had a dime for every time Scatter-brained Stan referred to Matt Murdock as Matt Hawk — (the real**

**name of our Western hero, the TWO-GUN KID. — Or, is it the RAWHIDE KID'S name?) — and we *still* can't remember if she spells it Karen Paige, or Karen Page! Y'know, sometimes we wonder if we were really cut out for this business!**

Dear Stan,

I had been in the Peace Corps for five months and felt simultaneously alienated from Afghan culture and American culture. Then, there they were—F.F., D.D., Spidey, Sub-Mariner, yes, the whole gang, come from distant shores to cheer up an old workhorse like me who's attempting to bring the blessings of the English language to the Afghan heart. At any rate, I ravenously devoured those gems in inked clothing the first night they arrived and can truthfully say that the priceless comics have not had a free moment since. All the volunteers who happened to drop by completely ignored me when their eyes lighted upon the mags, and much to my chagrin, they commenced to read them before condescending to say hello. It's no exaggeration when I say that I was the most popular P.C.V. in Afghanistan once the word was out that I had some Marvel comics. Many volunteers had never been exposed to Marvel, and, in some cases, the shock may have been too great; but the ones who did manage to keep a grip on themselves have religiously converted to Marvel. Since I started reading Marvel in college, I've never been the same and, thus, Marvel could be at the root of my joining the Peace Corps. But even if it isn't, from that time on your comics have come to my aid in other times of trouble and woe. I love Afghanistan, and I'm sure I will continue to as long as I have your mags to fall back on when things aren't going just right. They really are a sort of inspiration—not to take oneself too seriously, that the good guys really do win out in the end, that the decent and clean life bears its own reward. But, most of all, they have the ability of putting things in perspective. You can do me one favor—don't change. I have the feeling that as I continue to grow, Marvel Comics will be with me, as a relief, as a shield against the slings and arrows of outrageous life. They have a marvelously therapeutic effect. But, 'nuff said!

Martin Dicker, c/o Peace Corp Representative,  
American Embassy, Kabul, Afghanistan

**P.C.V. Dicker, front and center! Right here, in front of all of Marveldom herewith assembled, with the eyes and the ears of a pantin' public trained right upon thee, we wanna say that your liltin' letter gave us every bit as much of a lift as you so generously claim that our mags give you! We loved every word of it—and wish we had room to print the entire tintinabulating thing without cutting a single, wondrous word! Anyway, just to be sure you always have enough mags to go around, we're sending a few assorted complimentary subscriptions to you, Marty, which we hope you, your fellow volunteers, and your Afghanistan amigos will enjoy as much as we enjoy sending them. You, and all the wonderful young people like yourself, are doing a great job—a truly significant job—and we are tremendously—sincerely flattered by your friendship and enthusiasm. The best of luck to all of you—from your Bullpen buddies!**

**NEXT ISH:** Okay, it's time to level with you again! We're not sure *what's* gonna happen next ish because we haven't written it yet! But, we think it may be time for some dramatic change in the lives of our capricious cast of characters — and you know what *that* means! Smiley and the Genial One have had their heads together for hours now, and they might be cooking up *anything*! The one thing you can be certain of, though, is that you'll find a block-bustin' baddie — a pulse-pounding problem — and a deathlessly dramatic denouement! As for a startling surprise — that's the name of the game, tiger! So, whatever you do — wherever you go — save some time for DAREDEVIL #24 — we've a hunch it'll be slightly sensational! 'Nuff said!

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